

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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**"The word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart".... Hebrews 4:12*

How are we going to know what part of our thoughts or our decisions is from God and what part is our own? Sometimes there is only a hair-breadth difference; and hence we find that we just cannot differentiate them. We may ask ourselves, is this myself, or the Lord, in me? Is it from my spirit or from my soul? We try to dissect our thoughts and words and acts in order to know which part is natural and which part is spiritual. This is a most difficult task, and we grow quite desperate when trying to make the discrimination. To try to do this is fatal. It only results in perplexity and hesitation. Nothing is definite or settled; it is like always being in a maze - or in a haze. But this whole approach is wrong.

God has never told us that we can find within ourselves what is of the soul and what is of the spirit. Such an approach is wrong and the person trying to do it is also wrong. God has never meant for us to do this, because looking within will only result in "darkness". Self-examination in this regard will never result in our finding the light. For all is dark inside us. To follow this track will lead us nowhere. It is a blind alley.

So we must stop doing it. When we say or feel we are right or wrong, the question becomes, how do we know it? From where came the light - that is to say, the knowledge of whether it is right or wrong? From within ourselves or from the Word of God? Has there been "revelation"? There must be revelation or light on the basis of God's Word so that we really see. The moment the Holy Spirit throws light on God's Word we "see" and we "know". We must have the light that "kills". Under such light we see that everything about us apart from Christ, is soulish. Hence revelation is what we need, because it slays and it does the work.

Outside of revelation, God does no other work. It is enough when we obtain revelation, for then the work is done. The moment we receive revelation and see ourselves as God sees us, at that moment we are weakened and our soul-life dies. The light that comes from revelation brings with it power; or rather, it itself is powerful. So all depends on revelation. There is nothing left after that for God to do. There is no second step to take - revelation or light does it all.

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [and who we ALREADY are, in Christ], and we are taking every thought captive [through proclamation] to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB